

REMARKS

There remains pending in this application Claims 1-19, each of which stood allowed.

Applicants submit with this Preliminary Amendment replacement drawings to correct the informalities cited by the Examiner in the Official Action of August 26, 2004. Favorable consideration of those drawings is respectfully sought.

Applicants are also in the process of preparing additional claim amendments. Should the Examiner pick up this application for action before those amendments are filed, she is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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